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In re Application of  
Rodriguez  
Application No. 09/978,215  
Filed: October 15, 2001  
For: Self Sealing Letter Sheets:

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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

This application is before this office to consider the paper filed January 9, 2003 styled as a "petition to the Commissioner" which *inter alia*, requests under 37 CFR 1.183 "any suspension of the rules related to any eventual untimeliness of the petition" which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to waive 37 CFR 1.181(f) which requires that a petition be filed within two months of the action or notice from which relief is requested..

The petition is **dismissed**.

The USPTO will not decide the merits of this or any petition not accompanied by the requisite fee. A petition under 37 CFR 1.183 requires the \$130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h). See 37 CFR 1.183. Since the petition filed January 9, 2003, was not also accompanied by the requisite fee, the request for waiver of the timeliness requirement is dismissed.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3727 to further consider the petitions filed January 9, 2003, and October 17, 2002.

Telephone inquiries relevant to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820.

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